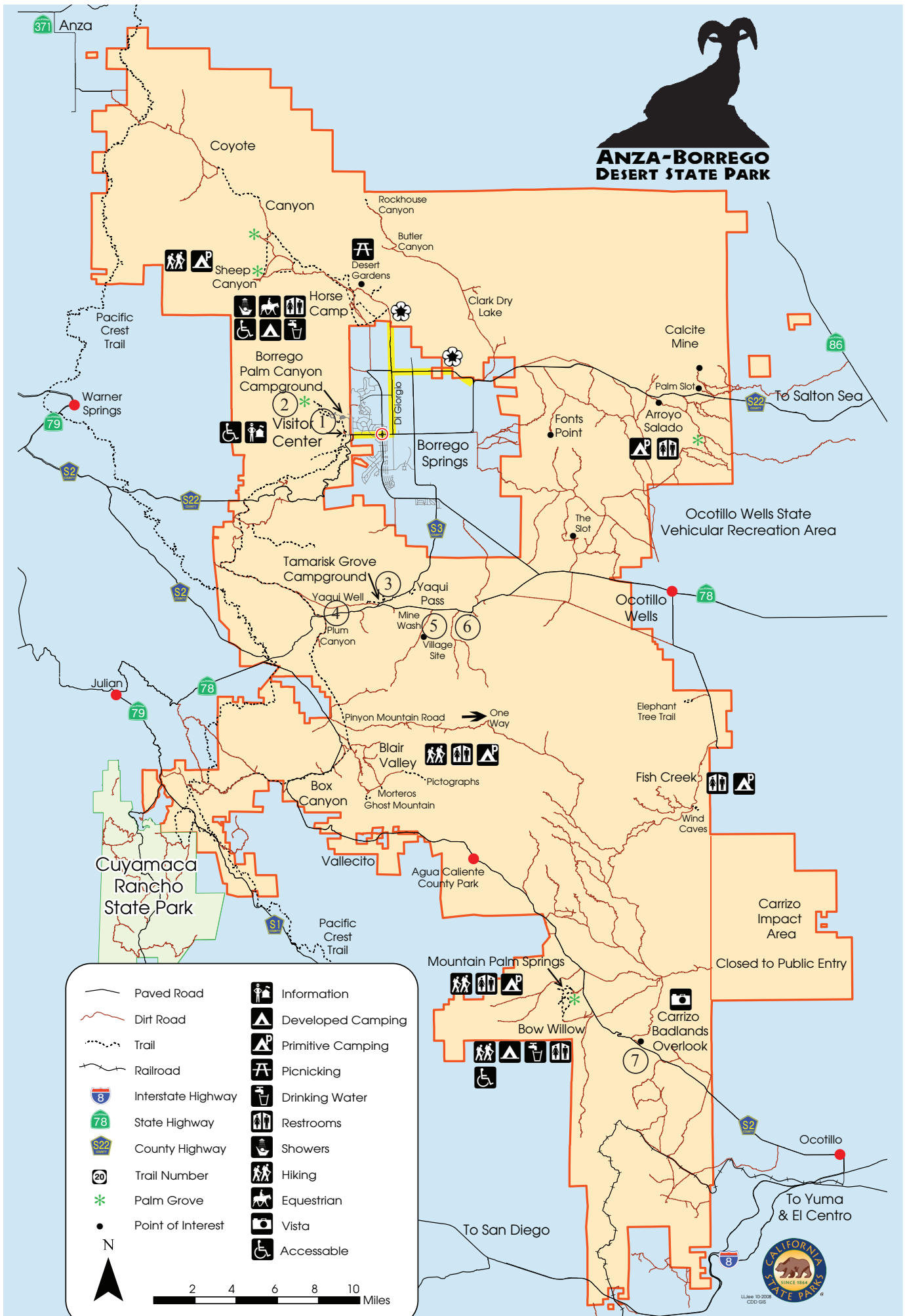




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WILDFLOWER UPDATE 3-22-2009

The flower show has moved from the big fields to the canyons where there are a wide variety of flowers just coming into bloom. There are still nice fields of Desert Dandelion along Borrego Springs Road but the main flower areas are going to require some walking

- ① Walking around the Visitor Center and along the trail to Palm Canyon Campground, look for Chicory, Popcorn Flowers, Desert Dandelion, Chuparosa, Brittlebush, Cheese Bush, Phacelia, Little Gold Poppy, Fiddleneck, and Desert Lavender blooming. The Barrel and Beavertail Cactuses are starting to bloom all around the area.
 - ② Hiking up Palm Canyon you will see Apricot Mallow, Rock Daisies, Brittlebush, Chicory, Desert Lavender, and Phacelia as well as many other flowers. Coming down the alternate trail you will see some great displays of Rock Daisies, Fagonia, Rhatany, and Phacelia.
 - ③ The Cactus Loop Trail cross from Tamarisk Grove is great for flowers right now. The Fish-Hook Cactus are blooming in clusters along the trail and the Barrel Cactus are starting. Also look for Poppies, Whispering Bells, Wishbone, Ghost Flowers, and Bigelow's Monkey Flowers.
- The easier Yaqui Well Trail also across from the campground has some nice displays of flowers.
- ④ For a longer walk, Plum Canyon is really nice right now. There are large multi-color displays of Wishbone, Chuparosa, Chicory, Viguiera, Fiddleneck, Phacelia, Desert Rock-Pea, and Popcorn Flowers, as well as quite a few flowers that are budding and should be blooming soon.
 - ⑤ Mine Wash Road off of Highway 78 has a great display of Poppies and Brittlebush going up the hillside near the beginning and Spiny Senna and Dandelions along the road. At the Village Site there are Pincushions, Desert Lavender, Dandelions, and Cholla starting to bloom.
 - ⑥ Narrows Earth is a great short trail with Poppies, Chicory, Phacelia, Chuparosa, Whispering Bells, California Evening Primrose, and Pincushions.
 - ⑦ In the south end of the park, Carrizo Overlook has Lupine, Dandelions, Chicory, and Beavertail Cactus blooming.

On your way into the park on any of the major highways, especially from the east and in the south end of the park, look for Desert Dandelions, Brittlebush, Desert Sunflower, Creosote, and Lupine along roadsides. Look for the red flames of the Ocotillo blooming all over along the roadsides.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in beautiful Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. We remind you that the Park remains a place of beauty, grandeur, and solitude all year long.